

Senate Resolution 1523

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Tate of the 38th, James of the 35th and Henson of the 41st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. George Leslie Howell; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Mr. George Leslie Howell on February 2, 2010; and
- 4 WHEREAS, a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Mr. Howell earned a bachelor's degree in
5 chemistry from Knoxville College and worked as a chemist for nearly three years before
6 returning to school at Howard University Law School, where he graduated cum laude; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Howell worked for Atlanta Legal Aid and as an associate for Atlanta law
8 firms Moore, Alexander & Rindskopf and Jackson, Patterson, Parks & Franklin before
9 serving as managing partner at Howell & Associates and of counsel with Adorno & Yoss;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, known for his legal reasoning, sharp analytical skills, and compassion for
12 others, Mr. Howell often handled uncontested adoption cases, finding great joy in uniting
13 children with families who wanted to love them; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was known for his active lifestyle, enjoying jogging, cycling, and playing
15 tennis and was a strong supporter of community development; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a true champion for Zoo Atlanta, Mr. Howell served as Zoo Atlanta's general
17 counsel since the zoo was privatized and was a tremendous help in expediting the 2007 zoo
18 bonds; and
- 19 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Howell was instrumental in the creation of the
20 Neighborhood Arts Center, the Atlanta African Film Society, the Hammonds House
21 Museum, and the National Black Arts Festival and provided vision and leadership to the

22 boards of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the High Museum of Art, the Atlanta Life
23 Insurance Company, and Historic District Development Corporation; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Howell diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy
25 for seven years to the Paideia board of trustees, where he served as chairman from 2001 to
26 2006 and was instrumental in numerous successful projects, including the establishment of
27 a long-term facilities plan and the launching of a capital campaign that raised over \$25
28 million for the school; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Howell was united in love and marriage to his adoring wife, Mtamanika,
30 and was blessed with the love of two remarkable daughters, Leslye and Nika, and two
31 delightful grandsons, George and Gabriel; and

32 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Howell will long be remembered for
33 his love of art, jazz, family, and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, uncle, jurist, and
34 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. George Leslie Howell and express their deepest
37 and most sincere regret at his passing.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. George Leslie Howell.